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SUMMARY. PRESIDENT SIGNS LAW GRANTING JUNTA CERTAIN LEGISLATIVE AND OTHER POWERS FOR ECONOMIC AND PUBLIC SAFETY FIELDS, AND TO PURGE OLD REGIME FIGURES AND INSTITUTIONS. LAW IS WATERED DOWN VERSION OF BILL ORIGINALLY SOUGHT BY ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES SIGNED INTO LAW FEBRUARY 19 BILL PASSED FEBRUARY 7 BY COUNCIL OF STATE INCREASING POWERS OF NATIONAL SALVATION JUNTA (JSN). (REF A).

2. PREAMBLE OF NEW LAW STATES THAT INASMUCH AS PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT ABSORBED IN MANY TASKS, IT IS ADVANTAGEOUS FOR JSN  
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TO ASSUME CERTAIN LEGISLATIVE POWERS. THESE POWERS, ENUMERATED

BELOW, ARE TO LAST UNTIL "ORGANS OF SOVEREIGNTY OF PORTUGUESE REPUBLIC BEGIN FUNCTIONING" IN ACCORD WITH NEW CONSTITUTION.

3. NEW POWERS OF JSN IN PURGE FIELD AS FOLLOWS:

- A) OVERSEE COMPLETE DISMANTLING OF OLD REGIME ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS DGS, SEEING THAT THOSE POLITICALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THEM ARE JUDGED IN MILITARY COURT;
- B) COMPLETE DISMANTLING OF POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS OF OLD REGIME;
- C) SEND TO MILITARY COURT THOSE JUDGES AND STATE PROSECUTORS INVOLVED IN SPECIAL OLD REGIME POLITICAL COURTS;
- D) SPEED UP DESTRUCTION OF CORPORATIVE STATE STRUCTURES;
- E) PROHIBIT PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT (WHILE LAW LASTS) OF PERSONS WHO EITHER HELD RESPONSIBLE POSITIONS IN OLD REGIME OR OTHERWISE DO NOT NOW MANIFEST ADHERENCE TO SPIRIT OF AFM PROGRAM;
- F) PASS NEW PURGE LEGISLATION IN PUBLIC (AND EXCEPTIONALLY) PRIVATE SPHERE;
- G) SEE THAT POLITICAL LEADERS OF OLD REGIME WHO COMMITTED CRIMES IN OFFICE BROUGHT TO TRIAL.

4. IN ECONOMIC FIELD, JSN GIVEN FOLLOWING POWERS:

- A) WATCH OVER AND CONTROL ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS TO PREVENT "MANEUVERS HARMFUL TO NATIONAL ECONOMY;"
- B) ADOPT ANTI-CORRUPTION MEASURES IN PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SPHERE.

5. IN PUBLIC SAFETY FIELD: PASS SPECIAL MEASURES AGAINST ACTS OF BANDITRY AND OTHER COMMON CRIMES.

6. HENCEFORTH JSN RESPONSIBLE FOR SUBJECT MATTER MENTIONED ABOVE. JSN MAY PASS LEGISLATION IN THESE FIELDS AS NECESSARY. SUCH LEGISLATION NOT VALID UNLESS SIGNED BY PRESIDENT. FURTHERMORE JSN LEGISLATION TOUCHING ON CIVIL LIBERTIES MUST RECEIVE APPROVAL OF COUNCIL OF STATE BEFORE PROMULGATION BY PRESIDENT.

7. COMMENT. LAW AS PASSED IS CONSIDERABLY WATERED DOWN VERSION OF ORIGINAL BILL WHICH AFM COORDINATING COMMITTEE INTRODUCED IN COUNCIL OF STATE IN EARLY FEBRUARY (REF B). HOW JSN WILL APPLY LAW NOT YET CLEAR. SOCIALISTS AND PPD HAVE MADE IT KNOWN IN EDITORIALS THAT LEGISLATIVE POWER FOR JSN, EVEN IN LIMITED FIELD ENVISAGED BY THIS LAW, MAY LEAD TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GREATER MILITARY INTERVENTION IN GOVERNMENT AND CONCOMITANT DECREASE IN SCOPE OF ACTION OF CIVILIAN SECTOR.

8. AFM NOW CONSULTING PARTIES REGARDING AFM INSTITUTIONALIZATION PROGRAM (REF C). THIS PROGRAM, REFERRED TO AS "PLATFORM OF UNDERSTANDING," WOULD BE DESIGNED TO ENTER INTO EFFECT AFTER NEXT FALL'S SCHEDULED LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS. NEW JSN LEGISLATIVE POWERS, IN CONTRAST, DESIGNED

TO SPAN TIME BETWEEN NOW AND LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS. HENCE,  
ALTHOUGH BOTH MEASURES WILL ENHANCE ROLE OF MILITARY IN  
POLITICS, TIME FRAME COVERED IS DIFFERENT.  
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